



Illinois Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2022, at 53,000 head, is unchanged from January 1, 2021. Breeding sheep inventory, at 45,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 8,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2021. The 2021 lamb crop of 41,000 head was unchanged from 2020.

Wool production during 2021 totaled 160,000 pounds, up 3 percent from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 26,000 head, down 4 percent from 2020.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	53.0	53.0	100
Breeding sheep and lambs	45.0	45.0	100
Ewes - one year old and older	35.0	35.0	100
Rams - one year old and older	2.0	2.0	100
Replacement lambs under one year old	8.0	8.0	100
Market sheep and lambs	8.0	8.0	100
Sheep	1.0	1.0	100
Lambs	7.0	7.0	100
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
Lamb Crop	41.0	41.0	100

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 23,000 head on January 1, 2022, down 8 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 8,400 head, is down 12 percent from January 1, 2021.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	9.5	8.4	88
Meat and other goats	25.0	23.0	92

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